

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. with Norman Winkler, Chairman, Warren Norris, Gerald Mohr, Janet Kile, Bruce Levi, Kevin Spilman, Jerry Kent, Deborah Adams, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Chairman, Norman Winkler called the meeting to order. The June 8, 2011 minutes were approved on a motion by Gerald Mohr, seconded by Warren Norris. Motion carried.

E.C.D.C.

Jim Finan, Rush County E.C.D.C. (Economic Community Development Corporation) Director, appeared before the council to thank them for their past support. Finan provided the council members with the E.C.D.C. operating budget. Finan discussed the role of Economic Development, the funding and the revenue opportunities of Economic Development.

Finan defined the various local, state, federal, regional organizations, economic development and local initiatives. Finan finished with discussing the various projects. Janet Kile is the council representative on the E.C.D.C. board

ASSESSOR

Mary Ann Bridges, Assessor, received approval of a transfer of \$1,034.12 from part-time (1-10-1-3) into travel (1-10-3-2) on a motion by Kevin Spilman, seconded by Gerald Mohr. Motion carried. Bridges explained the transfer was for the continuing of education and travel expenses.

COUNTY GENERAL REASSESSMENT

Deborah Adams, Auditor, along with Mary Ann Bridges sought approval to advertise the additional appropriation of \$163,053.76 for the remaining budget of Reassessment that is required to be paid from the General Fund. Adams explained that this is what was made known during budget discussions of September of 2010. Adams also verified that the additional appropriation is offset by the line 2 reduction made in the General Fund during the previous month of June.

Jerry Kent made the motion to allow Adams to advertise the additional appropriation for the council's consideration of approval during the August 10, 2011 meeting. Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RUSH MEMORIAL AMBULANCE

Brad Smith, CFO, of Rush Memorial Hospital appeared before the council providing a RMH Ambulance five (5) month financial statement for 2011 along with a RMH Ambulance Service Department Volume Report up thru May of 2011.

Smith reviewed the reports and answered any questions. Smith did note when asked that they do not anticipate purchasing any ambulances.

Deborah Adams asked for council approval, as discussed in previous meetings, to issue a letter to Rush Memorial Hospital requesting two checks in the amount of \$137,000.00 each that is available in the ambulance credit account for future ambulance expenses. The checks would then be receipted individually into the General Fund and into the EDIT fund. Jerry Kent made the motion to issue the letter requesting the two checks. Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Commissioner Ken Masters informed the council that the commissioners recommended and have budgeted an increase of the salary of the Veterans Affairs Service Officer to \$12,000.00 for the 2012 budget year. Masters shared the thoughts of the commissioners that the responsibilities of the position require a full time position. Masters shared that knowing the financial condition of the county the commissioners would settle for an increase of pay for the position.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported thirty-nine (39) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail. Sherwood presented and reviewed the Commissary Fund report for the period of January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2011.

Sherwood discussed the inmate phone system. Sherwood shared that currently the inmate's monies are receipted into county general. Sherwood stated that most sheriff departments receipt the monies into their own department. Sherwood would like to receipt these monies into the commissary fund. Deborah will check with the State Board of Accounts for their ruling.

Sherwood reported that Merit Deputy Doug Keith wrecked his vehicle Sunday, July 10, 2011. Sherwood estimated the damages to the vehicle at \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00.

Sherwood reported that Merit Deputy Randy Chandler retired June 24, 2011. The merit board has met and wants to begin the process to fill the vacant position. Sherwood indicated that he does have applicants from a list that is less than one (1) year old to pull qualified candidates without re-advertising. Leigh Morning did concur that Sherwood was within the qualified time frame. Sherwood discussed that he would be down two (2) deputies in September and that he would like to move a jailer up who is currently also a reserve officer. Councilman Gerald Mohr stated that Sherwood should manage it how he saw fit.

Sherwood reported that he had purchased new weapons and ammo for officers.

Deborah Adams did report that notification has been received and forwarded to Sherwood and the council members regarding the receipting of order of restitution from court

judgments. Adams stated that the State Board of Accounts has given their opinion that these monies shall be receipted into the county general fund.

EMA

The council discussed the upcoming EMA position and if it were possible to combine with a deputies position. Jeff Sherwood stated that this was currently not done in other counties.

Kevin Spilman discussed that the state is leaning heavy towards a fulltime EMA position.

It was reported that the EMA advisory board did meet. Applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. August 1, 2001 at the Auditor's Office.

Kevin Spilman asked if it is required by law to have an EMA director. Leigh Morning did state, yes, it is required by law for each county to have an EMA director, or to combine with another county and have a joint EMA director.

EMA advisory board members are: Jeff Sherwood, Kevin Spilman, Nick White and Deb Hummel.

E-911

Gerald Mohr made the motion to approve the transfer of \$850.00 from Equipment (200-1000-4-1) into PERF (200-1000-1-3). Warren Norris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Warren Norris made the motion to approve the transfer of \$1,050.00 from Equipment (200-1000-4-1) into FICA (200-1000-1-2). Gerald Mohr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I-T

Randy Herbert, I-T Technician, approached the council about offsite storage. Herbert discussed the ten to fourteen days of real time back up that would be stored offsite. The ability to restore is 24/7. Herbert was asked if he had checked rates with other companies and Herbert stated no.

Herbert discussed how backups would be retrieved, along with the security measures. The council asked Herbert to submit a written proposal from three (3) vendors.

SOLID WASTE

Carole Yeend, Solid Waste Director, informed the council that the county has begun the process to transfer the former White Felt property to the Solid Waste District. Yeend requested an additional copy of the property assignment from Deborah Adams. Yeend discussed future recycling plans, improvements and environment issues.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, informed the council that while preparing the 2012 budget with the commissioners they did not make and changes regarding the Rush Memorial ambulance funding to the General Fund and the EDIT fund.

Adams also informed the council that during the July 5, 2011 meeting the commissioners recommended a 2% salary increase for county employees.

Adams updated the council regarding interfacing of assessed values with the Assessor along with the budget process. Adams reported that the other taxing units met with the DLGF on July 7, 8, 2011 and she is scheduled to meet with the DLGF field representative on July 29, 2011.

Adams noted that she has had the State Board of Accounts 2010 audit report for Rush County place on the county website.

Motion to adjourn was initiated by Gerald Mohr. Bruce Levi seconded the motion, motion carried.

<u>/s/Norman Winkler</u>	<u>/s/Warren Norris</u>	<u>/s/Gerald Mohr</u>
Norman Winkler, Chairman	Warren Norris	Gerald Mohr

<u>/s/Janet Kile</u>	<u>/s/Bruce Levi</u>	<u>/s/Kevin Spilman</u>
Janet Kile	Bruce Levi	Kevin Spilman

<u>/s/Jerry Kent</u>
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

<u>/s/Deborah C. Adams</u>
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor